GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2029
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STORAGE OF SUGAR IN MAHARASHTRA
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that even after increasing storage capacity for sugar in Maharashtra, the sugar storage is posing great problem in the state;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether sugar mills are keeping sugar filled bags in the open for want of storage capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to apply anti-dumping rule to check import of sugar to meet W.T.O. obligations; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b),(c) & (d): Due to bumper production of sugar during the current sugar season (October 1999 to September 2000), a number of sugar factories reported constraints in sugar storage. Some of the Mills reportedly kept sugar-filled bags in the open, after taking due care for such open storage.

(e) & (f): No, Sir. The domestic industry has not filed any petition before designated authority in the Anti-Dumping Directorate which is a basic requirement to initiate anti-dumping measures.